

IN THE LIGHT OF THE LAMP

A Masque



TOC H.BIRTHDAY FESTIVAL.MCMXXV



FESTIVAL OF THE TENTH BIRTHDAY OF TOC H: TALBOT HOUSE, POPERINGHE, DECEMBER 15th, 1915

PROGRAMME

For the Evening of DECEMBER 19th, 1925, in the ROYAL ALBERT HALL, LONDON



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TOC H

(Talbot House)

Once of Poperinghe and Ypres, December 15th, 1915 With which is incorporated the Cavendish Association

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"We must all lend a hand in helping to build Toc H, because Toc H itself is a power house for helping others."—H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

TOC H

THE HOUSE THAT LOVE BUILT.

"TOC H" is a strange nickname for a wonderful thing, which—like all true movements—was born and bred in sacrifice. The first Talbot House was opened in Poperinghe on December 15th, 1915. It was named after Gilbert Talbot, Lieutenant in the Rifle Brigade, who died at Hooghe on July 30th of that year. From the Christian Fellowship begun in the two Talbot Houses in the Salient (there was a second house at Ypres), among men of all ranks, has since sprung a living Society, which in the years since the War has spread widely and deeply throughout Great Britain, and Overseas as well. Its membership is an aristocracy of comradeship drawn from schools, universities, offices and factories; its downward age limit is sixteen years.

Its aims (confirmed by Royal Charter in 1922) are briefly twofold:-

- (I) To challenge the younger men of each generation with the Christian ideal of brotherly love beyond the confines of class and denomination.
- (2) To inspire unselfish service in and through its members.

Toc H sets out to be a fellowship or—more simply—a family. It seeks to bring together the most diverse elements in our world of everyday, to unite them so intimately that, knowing each other, they will cease to misunderstand as they have too often done, and ceasing to misunderstand they will put love and humour and co-operation in the place of the bitterness, dreariness and strife which have marred the past. And Toc H sets out to do service, voluntary and most diverse according as powers are given to the most different men. The Scout troop, the Brigade Company and the boys club, the class-room and the playing field, church and chapel, the works and the regiment, Council and Cabinet offer all the opportunity any man can need. It is to be service done with other men in partnership not for other men less fortunate, by way of patronage. It is to be service offered to existing bodies, already in the field and hampered by lack of labourers. Above all, the fellowship is to be, with all its endeavour, a Christian Fellowship, and the service to be done in the ranks of those who build away hopefully at a city of God.

[&]quot;Here indeed is Death becoming creative."

TOC H LEAGUE OF WOMEN HELPERS.

IN THE L.W.H. are bound together in a fellowship of prayer and service, those women who wish to help Toc H in any way they can and to spread its ideals among women and girls, realising the importance of bringing this spirit into homes and schools, of teaching the things for which Toc H stands in the early years of a child's life, and of providing an outlet for girls as well as boys, who leave school with a real and growing sense of social responsibility and of the joy of service. Remembering the quiet acts of self-sacrifice, small and great, made by thousands of nameless women during the war, and their unity of purpose, and the spirit which prompts a mother even now to say that she does not regret the loss of an only son if the work is carried on, the members of the L.W.H., drawn from many sources, seek to bring what help they may, to feed the flame of the Lamp.

Working in very much the same way as Toc H but with its own separate organisation, the L.W.H. has groups and branches here at home and in Canada and Australia, and we look forward to the time when a team of "Toc Emmas" will be co-operating with every branch of Toc H. The work undertaken shows a refreshing variety, ranging from the darning of Toc H socks and upbringing of Toc H babies, to rent collecting and running clubs and care committees! So far there is just one small house, in the City of London, but other branches hope to make a like venture and open hostels where a girl living of necessity away from home as student, worker, wage-earner, may live and yet have that "mixed grill" of healthy fun and responsibility which would naturally be her experience in a home and family life.

PROGRAMME

7 p.m.

A Selection of Music by

THE BAND OF H.M. GRENADIER GUARDS

(By kind permission of Col. B. N. Sargison-Brooke, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding)

Coronation March from "Henry VII	I	 	Edward German
Overture in C. "In Memoriam"		 	Sullivan
(a) "The Derry Tune") (b) "Shepherd's Hey" }		 	Grainger
Incidental Music to "The Miracle"		 	Humberdinch

"IN THE LIGHT OF THE LAMP"

BARCLAY BARON.

Produced by S. CREAGH HENRY, under the auspices of the "ARTS ADVENTURERS."

Incidental music specially composed by CHRISTOPHER OGLE.

Conductor

H. L. BALFOUR.

Organist

R. ARNOLD GREIR.

Choir of 500 by the Royal Choral Society.

DRAMATIS PERSONÆ

(In order of appearance)

The	Spirit	of	Light	
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George Skillan.

Priest	Kendall Chalmers
A Man	G. Atkinson
A Woman	M. Creagh Henry
Centurion	F. S. Horan
Marcus	W. A. Ballard
1st Merchant	Edward Roberts
2nd Merchant	D. S. Paterson
Servant	G. Marlborough
Lieut. Binks	Victor Barnett

١	Sergt. Hawkins	Jules Corthesy
l	Capt. Mac	J. C. Turner
l	A Vision	Kendall Chalmers
	A Corporal	Edward Roberts
ı	"The General"	Arthur Pettifer
ı	Smike	Victor Barnett
ľ	Jobmaster Hawkins	Jules Corthesy
	Padre Tubby	Himself
	Padre Pat	Himself

Assisted by

Members of the Royal Choral Society, of the Queen's Westminster and Civil Service Rifles, of the Boy Scouts, and of Toc H.

Trumpeters of the 1st Life Guards (by kind permission of the Colonel Commanding).

Lighting and Scenery by the Coliseum Theatre, Ltd.
Costumes by Clarkson, and the L.W.H.
Stage and Furnishings by Messrs. John Barker & Co. Ltd.
Amplification by the Western Electric Co. Ltd.

A SYNOPSIS OF THE EPISODES.

The series of Episodes now to be presented typify the ideals of service and sacrifice for which Toc H stands, and of which its Lamp is a symbol; and illustrate the beginnings of Talbot House in the Salient and the work of Toc H, which claims proud heritage from all those who throughout the ages have given even life itself in the service of God and their fellowmen.

PRELUDE.

An Organ Prelude introduces the Masque in darkness, representing the period when the world was emerging from chaos. The Spirit of Light speaks the Prologue.

EPISODE I.

The breaking of dawn is hailed by the waking world. As the sun rises we find ourselves on the hills outside Rome, at the time of the Christian persecution.

A faithful band of Christian brethren enters singing a hymn of Light. Their priest follows and lights the lamp which he places on a rock, used as an altar. He enquires after certain of the brethren and, hearing how they have died for the Faith, exhorts his hearers, reminding them of the ground and assurance of the Christians' hope that no persecution can separate them from the love of Christ. Kneeling, they all sing the Nunc Dimittis. The Christians are interrupted by Caesar's soldiers who lead them away captive, yet undaunted, singing the Hymn of Light.

As they are led out of the circle of hills a small boy who has remained in hiding creeps forth and re-lights the Lamp on the altar. As the scene fades out the flame remains.

The Spirit of Light again speaks.

EPISODE II.

A lonely valley—Time, sunset on an evening in the 14th century. Two merchants with their servant are returning from a successful trading expedition—one is old and timorous, the other young and bombastic. While they rest by the roadside the young merchant sings in mockery of the old man's fear of brigands, while boasting of his own prowess. He is rudely interrupted by robbers and, like a pricked windbag, flies down the arena crying for help, and leaving his comrades to be murdered and despoiled.

Shortly afterwards a procession, lit by torches, enters chanting. These are the Brethren of the Misericordia, an Order representative of all ranks from Royalty to the working-man, founded in Italy in the year 1240, and still, in 1925, carrying on its anonymous and voluntary work of Service. The Brethren find that the old Merchant still breathes, and, bearing high their torches, carry him to safety, to the chanting of a triumphant chorus.

As they disappear the Spirit of Light again speaks.

EPISODE III.

The scene is a part of the front line in the Ypres sector in the winter of 1916. It is shortly before Dawn and all is "quiet" in the line. The anxiously awaited relief presently advances up the communication trench. The relief takes over and the relieved detachment make their way back to their rest billets.

Lieutenant "Binks" sits in the entrance to his dug-out and writes. "Mac," the captain in charge of the relief, joins him and Binks tells how the light of his candle end has set him to writing verses, for he seems to see a hope ahead, "Ah, what a hope and when afar it glistens" A German 'strafe' opens and the men tumble out and stand to. Binks runs along the trench, and as he does so a shell comes over and bursts. He is carried in and laid outside the dug-out, while Mac and his comrades kneel beside him.

A Vision appears over "No-man's-land" with upheld sword, and speaks, in the words of John Bunyan: "Then said Mr. Valiant-for-Truth 'I go to my Father. My sword I leave to him that shall succeed me in my pilgrimage So he passed over and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side." The trumpets sound and as the Vision fades into darkness a triumphant Hymn is taken up by the choir and continued to—

EPISODE IV.

In Talbot House in Poperinghe, 1916—that house which, with its daughter house at Ypres, "brought a corner of heaven into the hell of men's and officers' lives."

The Scene is laid in the club room, where, for a few brief hours, the War and all that pertains to it is forgotten.

"The General," (Private Arthur Pettifer, late of the Buffs, Padre "Tubby" Clayton's batman and one of the pillars of the old House, now a Vice-President of Toc H), enters and pins a notice on the board round which all gather—the chapel gong rings and the company troops off to the Upper Room for family prayers. Mac remains and is recognised by his former sergeant—he tells how his wife has died and the sergeant reminds him that his son survives, and is worth living and fighting for.

The light of the Lamp falls on a Cross hanging on the wall.

From the chapel is heard the singing of Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Hymn."

As the scene fades out the audience are invited to join in singing the second and third verses of the hymn (see page 10).

(NOTE.—Most of the actors in these two Episodes are serving in the Queen's Westminster and Civil Service Rifles. The Q.W.R. were specially associated with the original Talbot House in Poperinghe in its early days.)

EPISODE V.

The Scene is set in a present-day house or "Mark" of Toc H. It is the weekly Guest-night for outside members and visitors. "Mac" is the Branch Chairman and enters with his guest "Smike." The Founder Padre "Tubby" Clayton arrives with Padre "Pat" Leonard.

The meeting is opened with the ceremony of "Light."

N.B.—The audience is requested to join in this ceremony by standing and keeping the Silence with the members.

The Johmaster (i.e. Branch Social-Service Secretary) reports and calls for volunteers for "jobs."

"Tubby," as guest of the evening, is called upon to speak on his world-tour.

SPEECH BY PADRE CLAYTON.

With the singing by Padre "Pat" Leonard, D.S.O. (who accompanied the Founder Padre on his tour) of Rogerum, the old marching song brought to Talbot House in Poperinghe by the Queen's Westminsters, the episode closes.

The audience is invited to join in the chorus of "Rogerum" (see page 11).

The Spirit of Light speaks.

EPISODE VI.

A camp scene—the camp workers are Toc H Rover Scouts. Mac and Smike are in charge of the camp. They relate their post-war experiences and hopes for the future, while the boys go off to collect fuel for the camp fire. The fire is lit, and by its light and warmth, with song and happy laughter, they set their faces forward to build the New Jerusalem.

Thus, God helping, burns the flame of Toc H lit by sacrifice and fed by service.

EPISODE VII.

THE GATHERING OF THE LAMPS OF OLD BRANCHES AND OF THE RUSHLIGHTS OF GROUPS, AND THE FIRST LIGHTING OF THE LAMPS OF NEW BRANCHES.

Entrance of the Prince of Wales' Lamp, borne by "The General," with an escort of the old guard and the young.

Entrance of the Standards of Poperinghe and Ypres.

Procession of Lamps, Rushlights and Banners of the Branches and Groups, to the singing of "The Battle Hymn" in which the Audience is asked to join (see page 12).

Lighting of the Lamps and Rushlights from the Prince's Lamp.

The First Lighting by H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES of the following new Lamps, in the order named:—

Islington	Woolston
KINGSTON & SURBITON	York
Loughborough	BOURNEMOUTH
Luton	Toronto
Maesteg	New York
Norwood	Sydney (1)
RADLETT	SYDNEY (2)
Salisbury	NEW ZEALAND
South Bank	Keiskama Hoek
Streatham	India
West Ham	
	Kingston & Surbiton Loughborough Luton Maesteg Norwood Radlett Salisbury South Bank Streatham

A Silence of 20 seconds, all standing.

The singing of "Jerusalem," in which all are asked to join (see page 12).

The National Anthem.

WORDS OF THE HYMNS AND SONGS IN WHICH THE AUDIENCE IS ASKED TO JOIN.

AT THE END OF EPISODE IV.

THE PILGRIMS' HYMN.

Traditional Melody.

CHOIR ONLY-

HE who would valiant be
'Gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy
Follow the Master.
There's no discouragement,
Shall make him once relent,
His first avowed intent
To be a pilgrim.

AUDIENCE-

Who so beset him round
With dismal stories,
Do but themselves confound—
His strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might,
Though he with giants fight:
He will make good his right
To be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, thou dost defend
Us with thy Spirit,
We know we at the end
Shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day
To be a pilgrim.

(John Bunyan.)

AT THE END OF EPISODE V.

ROGERUM.

NOTE.—The history of this old song is obscure, but it is descended from a still more ancient folk song in which Lazarus, "sitting on an angel's knee." sees Dives afar off "sitting on a serpent's knee." Rogerum was known to some British units in the South African War and was sung by many in the Great War; it was made a great success at Poperinghe by "The Fancies," the 6th Division Concert Party, was brought to Talbot House by the Queen's Westminsters in 1915, and has ever since been the best-known song in Toe H. No one must be shocked by its way of re-telling the great story of the awful results of broken brotherhood, for it links the members of Toe H with thousands of their Elder Brethren whose tired feet it lifted into a swing through the mud of Flanders.

1. NOW there was a rich man, and he lived in Jerusal-e-um.

Glory alley belurium,

O Rogerum.

And he used to live on the fat of the land-e-um.

Glory alley belurium,

O. Rogerum.

O Rogerum, O Rogerum, O-o-o

Slingammy lingammy oreum,

O Rogerum.

2. Now there was a poor man, and he lived in Jerusal-e-um.

Glory, etc.

And he used to live on the crumbs from the rich man's table-e-um.

Glory, etc.

3. Now the poor man he died and he went up to heaven-e-um.

Glory, etc.

And he sat down on the starboard side of Abraham.

Glory, etc.

4. Now the rich man he died; but he didn't fare so well-e-um,

Glory, etc.

For the devil he came and popped him down to hell-e-um.

Glory, etc.

5. And the rich man he cried "Oh! send me down some water-e-um." Glory, etc.

But the devil he said "This ain't no Ritz Hotel-e-um,

Shovel along some coal-e-um, O Rogerum."

The moral of this tale is that riches end in smok-e-um, Glory, etc.

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So glory, glory be that we are stoney-brok-e-um.

Glory, etc.

DURING THE FINAL SCENE.

I.—At the entry of Lamps and Rushlights.

THE BATTLE HYMN.

To the tune of "John Brown's Body."

MINE eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He hath loosed the fatal lightning of His terrible swift sword;

His truth is marching on.

Glory, glory, Alleluia, etc.

I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps; They have builded Him an Altar in the evening dews and damps, I have read His righteous sentance by the dim and flaring lamps; His day is marching on.

He hath sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat; He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat; O, be swift, my soul, to answer Him; be jubilant my feet; Our God is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born, across the sea, With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me; As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free, While God is marching on.

Iulia Ward Beecher.

II .- At the end.

JERUSALEM.

Music by Sir Hubert Parry.

AND did those feet in ancient time Walk upon England's mountains green? And was the holy Lamb of God On England's pleasant pastures seen? And did the Countenance Divine Shine forth upon our clouded hills? And was Jerusalem builded here Among these dark Satanic Mills?

Bring me my Bow of burning gold! Bring me my Arrows of desire! Bring me my Spear ! O clouds, unfold ! Bring me my Chariot of fire ! I will not cease from Mental Fight, Nor shall the Sword sleep in my hand, Till we have built Jerusalem In England's green and pleasant Land.

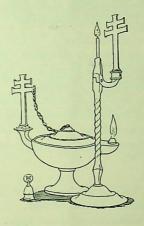
William Blake.

THE ROLL OF THE

LAMPS OF MAINTENANCE

Held by the Branches of TOC H: together with a list of Groups of TOC H which are entitled to hold

RUSHLIGHTS



THE ROLL OF THE LAMPS OF MAINTENANCE.

The symbol of a Toc H Branch is the "Lamp of Maintenance," which is granted when a Group (the probationary stage in the Toc H 'family') has proved itself worthy of promotion to Branch status. These Lamps are lit at all meetings of Toc H, when the members observe the ceremony of remembrance of their Elder Brethren and re-dedication of themselves, which is used in Episode V. of this Masque. (Groups of Toc H use the "Rushlight" in a similar manner—see page 23). All Lamps of Branches, except those marked with an asterisk, may be expected to be present at to-night's Festival.

SILVER LAMPS.

These Lamps are cast in bronze and finished in oxydized silver. The first is the parent Lamp of the whole movement.

- THE PRINCE'S LAMP: IN MEMORY OF HIS FRIENDS. Presented to Toc H by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and first lit by him in the Guildhall, London, on December 15, 1922. It stands, perpetually burning, on the tomb of Sir John Croke, one of the first Wardens of the Guild of St. Mary (founded 1465), in the Church of All Hallows, Barking-by-the-Tower, in the City of London. It is now enshrined in the bronze-gilt and enamelled casket, decorated with the insignia of Toc H Branches and Houses, which was unveiled by the Prince of Wales on December 15, 1923.
- *THE CITY OF YPRES LAMP.—PRESENTED BY TOC H TO THE CITY OF YPRES: IN MEMORY OF ITS DEFENCE BY BRITISH SOLDIERS. The presentation of this Lamp was made to M. Colaert, Burgomaster of Ypres, in the Grande Place on Palm Sunday, March 25, 1923. It is now kept in the new Hotel de Ville at Ypres.
- *THE BELGIAN WAR MUSEUM LAMP.—Model of the Lamp of Maintenance of Toc H: In memory of Talbot House, Poperinghe-Ypres, 1915-1918: Presented to the Belgian War Museum, 1924: By H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Patron of Toc H. This Lamp is kept in the War Museum, Brussels.
- THE UNKNOWN WARRIOR'S LAMP.—This Lamp stood before the Empire Roll of Honour in H.M. Government Pavilion at the British Empire Exhibition, Wembley, in 1925. It was lit by H.M. the Queen on May 14 and remained burning until the close of the Exhibition on October 31. (This Lamp is used for the ceremony of "Light" in Episode V. of the Masque, and is depicted on the cover of this programme).

LAMPS OF BRANCHES.

These Lamps are of bronze, finished with a bronze-green patina, and are contained in oak caskets, to which are affixed bronze plates engraved with memorial inscriptions. (In the Roll the official number of the Branch in each case precedes its name and the date of its foundation follows in brackets. The memorial inscriptions are given as they are engraved on the caskets.)

MCMXXII.

The following were bestowed in 1922, and first lit at the Guildhall, London, on December 15, the Seventh Birthday of Toc H, by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

1. LONDON, MARK I. (February 1920).—The LINZEE LAMP: In memory of M. L. ATKINSON, 2nd Lt., Tank Corps. Cambrai. 20.11.1917.

(Given by his mother.)

2. CHELTENHAM. (May 1920). The WILLIE CLARK LAMP: In memory of W. CLARK, who died in 1922 of illness contracted as a prisoner of war.

(Given by his father.)

3. MANCHESTER. (May 1920).—The HICKS LAMP: In memory of E. T. HICKS, Capt., 2/4 Lincs. Regt. Heilly. 12.5.1917.

(Given by his mother.)

4. CAMBRIDGE (May 1920).—In memory of two brothers, WILLIAM MORTON JOHNSON, Capt., 16th Batt. Manchester Regt. Montauban, Somme. 2.7.1916. And of RONALD LINDSAY JOHNSON, Capt., Trench Mortars. Near Ypres. 28.5.1917: Also of their cousins, Bernard Angus Johnson, died near Basra, Jan. 1916, and of Howard Fyfe Johnson, killed entering Bagdad, 1917.

(Given by their sister and cousin.)

5. MAIDSTONE (May 1920).—John's Lamp: In memory of J. C. Massy-Beresford, Lt., R.F.A. Bucquoy. 22.8.1918.

(Given by his mother.)

- 6. SWINDON (May 1920).—The Stretcher Bearer's Lamp: In memory of Arthur Cole, L/Cpl., 2/1 Wessex F.A., R.A.M.C. Givenchy. 10.4.1918.
- 7. OXFORD (June 1920).—The M.O.'s LAMP: In memory of N. G. CHAVASSE, V.C., R.A.M.C., and of AIDAN CHAVASSE.

(Given by their brother.)

- 8. EDINBURGH (June 1920).—(Awaiting a Scottish dedication).
- 9. BRISTOL (July 1920).—To the glory of God and in memory of STEWART SPIERS JACKSON, 2nd Lt., Worcester Regt.: killed in action at Fayel by St. Quentin. 21.3.1918.

 (Given by his widow.)
- 10. BARNET (July 1920).—In memory of Clive Garton, 2nd Lt., Rifle Brigade, Killed 2.9.1918: Also of Herbert Westlake Garton, Capt., Rifle Brigade. Killed 15.9.1916.

(Given by their mother.)

- 11. EXETER (August 1920).—The BOLITHO LAMP: In memory of W. T. M. BOLITHO, Lt., 19th Royal Hussars. Chateau Hooge. 24.5.1915.

 (Given by his father.)
- 12. DEESIDE & DISTRICT (September 1920).—The GLADSTONE LAMP: In memory of W. G. C. GLADSTONE, Lt., 1st Batt., R.W.F. 13.4.1915.

- 13. WOLVERTON (October 1920).—The ENGLISH VILLAGE LAMP: To those who came not home, from the Congregation of Hassocks, Sussex.
- 14. LONDON, MARK II (October 1920).—HENRY'S LAMP: In memory of HENRY COOKE, Rfm., 1st L.R.B. Fortuin. 2.5.1915.

(Given by his mother.)

- 15. DURHAM (November 1920).—The Spring-Rice Lamp: In memory of G. Spring-Rice, Lt., 11th Border Regt., 27.5.1916, and of Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, Ottawa, 14.2.1918.
- 16. PORTSMOUTH (November 1920).—The UNKNOWN HEROES' LAMP: Presented by Mrs. Robertson, whose son MAC gave his life at Festubert, 1915.

(Given by his mother.)

17. SHEFFIELD (November 1920).—In memory of NEVILLE WOODARD, grandson of the Founder of the Woodard Schools. Died 3.7.1905: Also of RICHARD LENNARD HOARE, Capt., 12th London Regt. ("The Rangers"). Gommecourt. 1.7.1916.

(Given by R. L. Hoare's brother.)

- 18. BIRMINGHAM (December 1920).—The GEORGE COLTMAN LAMP: In memory of GEORGE COLTMAN, died 7.10.1922, of wounds received on the Somme.
- 19. LIVERPOOL (January 1921).—The JACK MOSS LAMP: In memory of JOHN MILES Moss, 2nd Lt., A.S.C., 258 Coy. M.T., 19th Divn. Etretat. 6.9.1915.

(Given by his mother.)

- 20. BRADFORD (March 1921).—Presented by Alfred J. and M. Hill: In memory of Denys John Bressey, 2nd Lt., 35th Bde., R.F.A. 14.10.1917.
- 21. LONDON, MARK III (January 1921).—The "Punch" Lamp: In memory of F. H. Townsend. 11.12.1920.

(Given by Sir Owen Seaman.)

22. BRIGHTON AND HOVE (May 1921).—The DEWDNEY LAMP: In memory of G. H. DEWDNEY, L/Cpl., "P" Special Coy., R.E. 2.11.1917.

(Given by Mrs. E. C. French.)

23. CARDIFF (June 1921).—The Norman Lamp: In memory of Norman Alfred Hughes, Capt., 11th Batt. Welsh Regt. Salonika. 18.9.1918.

(Given by his father, the Bishop of Llandaff.)

24. SPEN VALLEY (July 1921).—The DUNSTER FORCE LAMP: In memory of BERNARD JOHN HASLAM, Major (acting Lt.-Col.), D.S.O., R.E. Baku. 26.8.1918.

(Given by his widow.)

25. GLASGOW (September 1921).—The RONNIE MacLachlan Lamp: In memory of R. C. MacLachlan, Brigadier-General, Rifle Brigade. Locre. 11.8.1917.

(Given by his widow.)

- 26. COVENTRY (September 1921).—Presented by the ROYAL AUTOMOBILE CLUB: In memory of its members who fell in the Great War.
- 27. SOUTHAMPTON (October 1921).—Presented by W. Southwell Jones: In memory of Louis Southwell Gueret Jones, Lt., 1st Monmouthshire Regt., Lens. 20.6.1917.

Given by his father.)

- 28. COLCHESTER (November 1921).—Presented by the Constitutional Club of London: In memory of its members who fell in the Great War.
- 29. LEICESTER (January 1922).—Presented by the G.O.'s C., N.C.O.'s and Men of the 110th INFANTRY BRIGADE: In memory of the Fallen of the old Leicestershire Brigade.

- *30. WINNIPEG (February 1922).—The George Parkin Lamp: In memory of Sir George Parkin, K.C.M.G. Died 25.6.1922.
- 31. MIDDLESBROUGH (April 1922).—The Geoffrey Walford Lamp: In memory of William Geoffrey Walford, Capt., R.A.F. Ottignies, Belgium. 4.11.1918.
- 33. HALIFAX (August 1922).—The DE SELINCOURT LAMP: In memory of LESLIE DE SELINCOURT. Died at Leysin, Switzerland. 12.7,1922.

(Given by his brother.)

- 34. NORTH STAFFS.—(Lamp not yet dedicated).
- 35. DERBY (August 1922).—The JACK AND GEOFFREY LAMP: In memory of J. B. HOYLE, Lt., 7th Batt., South Lancs, Ovillers-Ia-Boisselle, 1.7.1916, and of G. M. HOYLE, Lt., 2nd Batt., Sherwood Foresters, Hooge, 9.8.1916.

(Given by their sister.)

36. NORTHAMPTON (September 1922).—BASIL'S LAMP: In memory of HENRY BASIL SHAW, Ptc., 17th Sherwood Foresters. Somme. 3,9,1916.

(Given by Miss Sowton.)

- 37. CANTERBURY (September 1922).—The CAVALRY CLUB LAMP: Presented in memory of its MEMBERS who fell in the Great War.
- 38. SLEAFORD (September 1922).—Owen's Lamp: In memory of Owen Scholte, Capt., R.F.C. St. Riquier. 30.7.1918.

(Given by his mother.)

40. HULL (October 1922).—The Cooper-Marsdin Lamp: In memory of Rev. Arthur Cooper Cooper-Marsdin, C.F. 1918.

(Given by his widow.)

- 41. ALDERSHOT (November 1922).—The Mercier Nairne Lamp, given by the Marquess of Lansdowne: In memory of his son, Charles Mercer Nairne, Major, 1st Dragoons. Klein Zillebeke. 30.10.1914.
- 42. HUDDERSFIELD (November 1922).—The HENRY LAWSON LAMP: In memory of HENRY LAWSON, Pte., 3rd Batt. Grenadier Guards. Ginchy. 15.9.1916.

(Given by his father.)

43. LONDON, MARK VII (December 1922).—Frank's Lamp: In memory of F. M. CHANCE, 2nd Lt., 24th Batt., London Regt. Givenchy. 25.5.1915.

(Given by his father.)

MCMXXIII

The following Lamps were first lit by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in the Guildhall, London, on December 15, 1923, the Eighth Birthday of Toc H. (The Lamps of old Branches were re-lit on this occasion by General Sir Charles Harington and Sir James Barrie):—

- 45. BLACKBURN (July 3, 1923).—The Keith Rae Lamp: In memory of Keith Rae, Lt., Rifle Brigade. Hooge. 30.7.1915.
- 46. STOCKPORT (October 2, 1923).—BASIL'S LAMP: In memory of BASIL RICHARD CROSS, Pte., 1st Warwick Regt. Le Transloi. 23.10.1918.

 (Given by his sister.)
- 47. NORTHWICH (October 2, 1923).—In memory of George Henry Waldron Gough Lt., 7th Batt. Cheshire Regt. Jerusalem. 15.12.1917: And of his brother John Noel Gough, 2nd Lt., R.F.A. (Trench Mortars). Near Ypres. 8.3.1918.

(Given by his father.)

48. WORTHING (November 6, 1923).—The Aubrey Herbert Lamp: In memory of Aubrey Nigel Molyneux Herbert, M.P. Died 26.9.1923.

(Given by his mother, the Dowager Countess of Carnarvon.)

- 49. LEEDS (November 6, 1923).—The GORDON LAMP: In memory of ALEC McDougall GORDON, M.C., Capt., 246 (West Riding) Bde., R.F.A. Passchendaele. 6.11.1917. (Given by his father.)
- 50. ILFORD (November 6, 1923).—The GERARD EYRE LAMP: In memory of G. E., who gave his gas-mask to his mortally-wounded Major. Gassed, April 1918. Died, 4.5.1921.

(Given by Capt. A. G. Bates.)

51. TUNBRIDGE WELLS (November 6, 1923).—CECIL'S LAMP: In memory of CHARLES CECIL FIELD, 2nd Lt., 8th Batt., Royal West Kents (attached 2nd Suffolks). St. Eloi. 30.3.1916.

(Given by his family.)

52. WINDERMERE (November 6, 1923).—The HALSE LAMP: In memory of L. W. HALSE (Dean Close School), Lt., Gloucester Regt. 17.10.1918.

(Given by Dr. Flecker, his old headmaster.)

*53. BUENOS AIRES (November 6, 1923).—The JULIAN GRENFELL LAMP: In memory of J. H. F. GRENFELL, D.S.O., Capt., 1st R. Dragoons. Ypres. 26.5.1915.

(Given by his father, Lord Desborough.)

54. TAUNTON (November 6, 1923).—The MARTIN LAMP: In memory of F. A. S. MARTIN, Pte., 2/1st, Wessex F.A., R.A.M.C. Near Ypres. 3.6.1917.

(Given by Miss Meade-King.)

55. ROTHERHAM (November 6, 1923).—The K.O.S.B. LAMP: In memory of all the K.O.S.B. who fell in the Great War, and especially of PETER, a devoted friend of the donor. R.I.P.

(Given by A. Frost.)

- 56. LINCOLN (November 6, 1923).—The HARRY JAGO LAMP: In memory of HENRY HARRIS JAGO, Lt. (A/Capt.), 2nd Batt. Devonshire Regt. 24.4.1918.
- 57. SALFORD (November 6, 1923).—In memory of Hugh Kennedy Birley, Capt., 19th Manchester Regt. Guillemont, 23.7.1916: And of his brother JOSEPH HORNBY BIRLEY, Capt., 12th Manchester Regt. Le Transloy, 2.9.1918.

(Given by their sister.)

58. LONDON, "THE BROTHER'S HOUSE" (MARK XIII) (November 6, 1923).-In memory of RICHARD NICHOLAS DILBEROGLUE, Lt., 1st Batt. Coldstream Guards. France. 15.9.1916: And of his brother Augustus Dilberoglue, 2nd Lt., 3rd King's Own Hussars. France. 1.4.1918.

(Given by their mother.)

MCMXXIV

The following Lamps were first lit by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, London, on December 13, 1924, the Ninth Birthday of Toc H:

- 60. BERMONDSEY (March 27, 1923).—The RUSH LIGHT: In memory of CECIL GEORGE RUSHTON, Capt., 214 Squadron, R.A.F. Bruges. May 1918.
- 61. GATESHEAD (March 11, 1924).—The NINTH DURHAM'S LAMP: In memory of the officers and other ranks of the 9th D.L.I. 1914-1918.

(Given by Lt.-Col. W. de Garis Martin.)

62. ALTRINCHAM (July 28, 1924).—The Morton and Ronald Lamp: In loving memory of Capt. W. Morton Johnson, 11th Manchester Regt. Montauban, 2.7.1916; and of Capt. Ronald L. Johnson, R.F.A. Near Ypres. 28,5,1917.

Given by their sister.)

63. BELFAST (July 28, 1924).—The Three Brothers' Lamp: In memory of Ernest Hewitt, Lt., 4th Batt. K.O.R.I.R., 15.6.1915, Holt Hewitt, Lt., and William Hewitt, Inniskillen Fusiliers, 1.7.1916.

(Given by Miss E. K. Cooke.)

64. KENSWORTH (July 28, 1924).—The Roche Lamp: In memory of Baron Fermov, an early friend of Toc H.

(Given by his sister, Countess Hochberg.)

- 65. LEWISHAM (July 28, 1924.)—Presented by the BATH CLUB OF LONDON: In memory of its members who fell in the Great War.
- 66. NOTTINGHAM (July 28, 1924).—The Rex Mellers Lamp: In memory of G. H. R. (Rex) Mellers, Capt., 7th Sherwood Foresters. Hohenzollern Redoubt. 13.10.1915.

 (Given by his mother and father.)
- *67. FEDERATED MALAY STATES (November 3, 1924).—The EVEREST LAMP (I): In memory of Andrew Irvine, who gave his life in the attempt on Mount Everest. 8.6.1924.

(Given by his family.)

68. GRANTHAM (November 3, 1924).—The Wigfield Lamp: In memory of J. B. C. Wigfield, 2nd Lt., R.E. (Signals). Peronne. 21.9.1918.

(Given by his mother and father.)

- 69. BROMLEY (November 3, 1924).—The Albert Harris Lamp: In memory of Albert Nansen Harris, Lt., wounded and missing after Loos. 15.9.1915.

 (Given by his father.)
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- 70. CROYDON (November 3, 1924).—The Brown LAMP: In memory of John Gordon Brown, M.C., D.T.M.O. 47th Division. Near Radinghem. 5.10.1918.

 (Given by his father.)
- 71. MAIDA VALE (November 3, 1924).—Phil's Lamp: In memory of Philip Granville Harries Porter, Lt., R.A. Born 7.2.1900. Died in India 9.1.1924.

 (Given by his brother.)
- 72. SIDCUP (November 3, 1924).—RICHARD'S LAMP: In memory of RICHARD LIONEL FORD. Born 30.8.1908. Died at Harrow, 29.8.1924.
- 73. WIMBLEDON (November 3, 1924).—The Cyril Bartlett Lamp: In memory of Cyril Ward Bartlett, M.C., Capt., Sherwood Foresters. France. 9.10.1918.

 (Given by his brother.)
- 74. WOOLWICH (November 3, 1924).—In memoriam George Watson, Rfm., 20th Batt. K.R.R. Guillemont. 16.8.1916: The old Mission housekeeper, St. Saviour's Mission, Bell Watergate, Woolwich.

 (Given by E. G. Dixon.)
- 75. NORWICH (November 3, 1924).—GILBERT'S LAMP: In memory of my friend, GILBERT TALBOT (Hooge, 30.7.1915), from whom Toc H derives its name. G.R.R.C. (Given by Captain G. R. R. Colman.)
- 76. SOUTH SHIELDS (November 3, 1924).—ARTHUR'S LAMP: In memory of ARTHUR IRWIN BRIDGE, Pte., 6th Northumberland Fusiliers. Reported missing 26.4.1915.

 (Given by his father.)

77. WEST KENT (First Countrymen's Branch) (November 3, 1924).—The CHAMPNEYS LAMP: In memory of ARTHUR CHARLES CHAMPNEYS, a faithful worker among boys and men. Born 1854. Died 23.8.1924.

(Given by his brother and sister.)

78. WIMBORNE (November 3, 1924).—In memory of the ELDER BRETHREN OF WIM-BORNE, 1914-1918: "They grow not old."

(Given by Wimborne Branch.)

79. READING (November 3, 1924).—Arthur's Lamp: In memory of Hugh Arthur Rees, Cpl., 16th/1st Canadian Scottish. Died at No. 2 Hospital, Reading. 12.8.1916. (Given by his mother.)

80. NEWCASTLE (November, 1924).—The Fusilier Lamp: In memory of the officers and other ranks of the 6th and 16th Batts., The Northumberland Fusiliers.

(Given by Col. W. H. Ritson.)

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The following Lamps have been bestowed on new Branches in 1925, and will be lit by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at the Royal Albert Hall to-night, the Tenth Birthday of Toc H:-

81. IPSWICH.—In memory of The Elder Brethren of Ipswich.

(Given by Ipswich Branch.)

82. MANSFIELD.—The Frank Pollard Lamp: In memory of Pte. Frank Pollard, West Riding Regt. Died of wounds. Rouen. 22.7.1916.

(Given by his brother.)

- 83. BEXHILL (November 2, 1925).—(Lamp not yet dedicated).
- 84. CHELSEA (November 2, 1925).—The VINCENT SLADEN WING LAMP: In memory of VINCENT SLADEN WING, 2nd Lt., 65th Howitzer Battery, F.R.A. Croix Barbé. 10.8.1917. (Given by his father and mother.)
- 85. CUDHAM (November 2, 1925).—The BICKERSTETH LAMP: In memory of STANLEY MORRIS BICKERSTETII, Lt., 15th Batt. West Yorks (Prince of Wales' Own). Serre. 1.7.1916.

(Given by his mother.)

86. DEWSBURY (November 2, 1925).—The HAROLD LAMP: In memory of HAROLD HIRST, Capt., 1st K.O.Y.L.I. Bois Grenier. 24.6.1915.

(Given by Mrs. Hirst.)

87. EALING (November 2, 1925).—The Owen Davies LAMP: In memory of Owen GRIFFITH DAVIES,

(Given by his father).

88. GOOLE (November 2, 1925).—The Bowles Lamp: In memory of Edgar Branson Bowles, Lt., 108th Battery, R.F.A. Vådencourt Château. 21.3.1918.

(Given by his mother.)

89. HAMMERSMITH (November 2, 1925).—The Anderson and Bury Lamp: In memory of G.R.L. ANDERSON and HAROLD BURY.

90. HAROLD WOOD (November 2, 1925).—Dedicated to the memory of our ELDER Brethren who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War. 1914-1918.

(Given by the Harold Wood Branch of L. W. H.) 91. HASTINGS (November 2, 1925).—In memory of the Elder Brethren of Hastings.

(Given by Hastings Branch.) 92. ISLINGTON (November 2, 1925).—The Torch LAMP: In memory of the ELDER BRETHREN OF ISLINGTON.

(Given by Islington Branch.)

- 93. KEISKAMA HOEK (Cape Province) (November 2, 1925).—The GILBERT TALBOT LAMP: In memory of GILBERT TALBOT, Lt., Rifle Brigade. Hooge. 30.7.1915.
- 94. KINSGTON AND SURBITON (November 2, 1925).—The Frank Murphy Lamp: In memory of FRANK MURPHY, Cpl., 1st. Batt. London Regt. St. Eloi. 5.11.1915.

(Given by Mrs. Murphy.)

95 LOUGHBOROUGH (November 2, 1925).—The LOUGHBURIAN LAMP: To the glory of God and in loving memory of ARTHUR DONALD CHAPMAN, 2nd Lt., 1/5th North Staffordshire Regt., Somme, 1.7.1916, and of all his fellow Loughburians who fell. 1914-1918.

(Given by his mother and father.)

- 96. LUTON (November 2, 1925).—The LUTON LAMP: Dedicated to MEN OF LUTON who made the supreme sacrifice.
- 97. MAESTEG (November 2, 1925).—The LLYNFI LAMP: In memory of the ELDER BRETHREN OF THE LLYNFI VALLEY.

(Given by the Branch.)

98. NORWOOD (November 2, 1925).—The HUGH LEAN LAMP: In memory of HUGH HENRY LEAN, M.C., Capt. H.L.I. St. Julien. 29.7.1917.

(Given by Lt.-Col. I. M. Campbell).

99. RADLETT (November 2, 1925).—The Owen LAPTHORN LAMP: In memory of OWEN HECKFORD LAPTHORN, 2nd Lt., 102nd Bde., R.F.A., who gave his life for his comrades near Zillebeke, 28.5.1917.

(Given by his brother and sister.)

100. SALISBURY (November 2, 1925).—The Harper Lamp: In memory of Sir G. Montague Harper, G.O.C. Southern Command. Died 15.12.1922.

(Given by his friends.)

101. SOUTH BANK (November 2, 1925).—The Alfred James Baddeley Lamp: In memory of Alfred James Baddeley, Lt., 2nd Batt. The Royal Sussex Regt. Missing 23.10.1918.

(Given by his brother.)

- 102. STREATHAM (November 2, 1925).—(Lamp not yet dedicated)
- 103. TORONTO (November 2, 1925).—The BYNG OF VIMY LAMP: In Thanksgiving. (Given in 1923 by the Governor-General of Canada and Lady Byng.
- 104. WEST HAM (November 2, 1925).—(Lamp not yet dedicated)
- WOOLSTON (November 2, 1925).—(Lamp not yet dedicated)
- 106. YORK (November 2, 1925).—In memory of Four Brothers: Lt.-Col. W. H. ANDERSON, V.C., 12th H.L.I., Maricourt, March 1918; Capt. C. H. ANDERSON, 1st H.L.I., Missing, December 1914; 2nd Lt. A. R. Anderson, 1st H.L.I., Vieille Chapelle, October 1915; Capt. E. K. Anderson, R.F.C., Winchester, 1918.

(Given by the Rt. Hon. Sir F. Milner.)

107. BOURNEMOUTH (November, 1925).—(Lamp not yet dedicated)

LAMPS NOT YET BESTOWED ON BRANCHES.

CANADA: The following Lamp, withdrawn from its first holders, will be granted to the next Canadian Group to attain Branch status:-

*The Lancelot Haggard Lamp: In memory of Rider Lancelot Haggard, Capt., Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. Passchendaele. 17.10.1917.

(Given by his uncle.)

AUSTRALIA: The following Lamps will be granted to the first Australian Groups to attain Branch status. The first-named was lit in 1924 and was taken to Australia by Padres Clayton and Leonard in 1925; the other two, which will now be lit, have been given for Sydney:—

The FORSTER LAMP: In memory of JOHN, 2nd Lt., 2nd Batt. K.R.R.C. Killed in Action, 14.9.1914; and ALFRED, Lt., Royal Scots Greys. Died of wounds near Le Cateau. 17.10.1918.

(Given in 1923 by the Governor-General of Australia and Lady Forster.)

The FAIRFAX LAMP: In memory of CLIFFORD GRAHAM FAIRFAX, Signaller, 18th Reinforcement, 20th Batt., 5th Brigade, A.I.F. Broodesinde Ridge. 1916.

(Given by his cousin, Carrie Charles-Fairfax.)

The PRIDDLE LAMP: In memory of Gunner Frederic Murchison Priddle, 5th F.A. Brigade, A.I.F. Near Pozieres. 30.7.1916.

(Given by his father.)

NEW ZEALAND: A Lamp, which has not yet received a memorial dedication, will be lit and granted to the first New Zealand Group to attain Branch status.

INDIA: A Lamp, which has not yet received a memorial dedication, will be lit and entrusted to the All-India Council of Toc H for bestowal on the first Indian Group to attain Branch status.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: A Lamp, which has not yet received a memorial dedication, will be lit and entrusted to the U.S.A. Committee of Toc H for bestowal on the first United States Group to attain Branch status.

SCHOOL LAMPS.

The following Lamps have been granted to such of the Schools with which Toc H actively co-operates, as have desired to have them. These Lamps are usually kept in the School Chapel and lit on special occasions, e.g. Armistice Day, Unless otherwise stated, they are dedicated to the old boys of the School who fell in the Great War.

*Bradfield College.—In memory of Mac Robertson, Lt., 70th Battery, R.F.A. Festubert. 22.5.1915; and of all boys of Bradfield who fell in the War.

KNUTSFORD (Test School).—The PADRES' LAMP: In memory of OSWIN CREIGHTON, C.F., attached 42nd Bde. R.F.A. 15.4.1918.

BERKHAMSTED SCHOOL

BISHOP'S STORTFORD SCHOOL

BLUNDELL'S SCHOOL

BRIGHTON COLLEGE

BROMSGROVE SCHOOL

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL

EASTBOURNE COLLEGE

HARROW SCHOOL

KING'S SCHOOL, CANTERBURY

MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE

MILL HILL SCHOOL

St. Edward's School, Oxford

ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL, HARPENDEN

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL, LEATHERHEAD

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL

SEDBERGH SCHOOL

SOLIHULL SCHOOL

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL

RUSHLIGHTS.

An adaptation of the old English rushlight-holder, cast in bronze, is used by the Groups of Toc H for the ceremonies of "Light" and "Initiation of Members."

The following Groups are entitled to hold Rushlights at the present time:—

ADELAIDE (Australia) GRIMSBY RETFORD AUCKLAND (New Zealand) HACKNEY RICHMOND HAMPSTEAD BARNSLEY ROMFORD HARPENDEN Ватн Rosario (Argentine) BATTERSEA & CLAPHAM HARTLEPOOL. RUGBY HEREFORD BEDFORD St. ALBANS HIGHGATE BRIDLINGTON SASKATOON (Canada) BRISBANE (Australia) HINCKLEY SCARBOROUGH

BRIXTON KESTON SHOREHAM

BROKEN HILL (Australia) LANCASTER SOUTHAM

"CADIES' GROUP" LANCING COLLEGE SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT

CALCUTTA (India) LEAMINGTON SOUTHGATE
CARMAN (Canada) LEIGHTON BUZZARD SPETISBURY
CHELTENHAM "A" LICHFIELD STEPNEY
CHIGWELL LIGHTCLIFFE SYDENHAM

Sydney (Australia) CHILLIWACK (Canada) LITTLEHAMPTON COALVILLE MARKYATE TOWER HILL Cockernhoe MELBOURNE (Australia) TWICKENHAM UXBRIDGE MELTON MOWBRAY COTTINGHAM MENDOZA (Argentine) WAKEFIELD CRAGHEAD WEDNESFIELD CULLERCOATS MONTREAL (Canada)

DONCASTER MIRFIELD WELLINGTON (New Zealand)

EASTLEIGH NEWCASTLE (Australia) WEST MALVERN

WHITBY EAST LONDON (S. Africa) NEWPORT WIGAN ESHER OLDHAM PENZANCE AND W. CORNWALL WILLESDEN FARNBOROUGH WOLVERHAMPTON FELLING PERTH (Australia) WOOD GREEN FOLKESTONE PETWORTH YARMOUTH GLOUCESTER PHILADELPHIA (U.S.A.)

GOLDERS GREEN PINCHER CREEK (Canada)

GOSPORT PLYMOUTH

YPRES (Belgium)

THE HON. TREASURER HAS THE LAST WORD.

Toe H could not have gone as far as it has done without the generous support of a small number of devoted friends and of some of its own members. It is now growing and expanding much more rapidly than seemed probable a few years ago. It will not, as it grows, be able to meet two of its needs—one vital and the other really important—unless it receives much greater financial support.

Whole-time padres are vitally necessary, if the movement is to retain its special character. There are not enough now, even at home, and many are wanted overseas. But we cannot afford to increase the number. The fund for the endowment of chaplaincies now amounts to £27,000, but the income of this is obviously not nearly enough to pay the salaries of ten whole-time padres and one part-time. The ordinary income of which we are now reasonably assured covers the bare cost of administration—it would not do this, if all the work done had to be paid for—the office expenses, and a small, but entirely inadequate, organising staff outside London. A steady and considerable increase is necessary in the ordinary income, or else in gifts to the chaplaincy fund. Money in this fund can be used only to pay the salaries and travelling allowances of chaplains. The fund is now overdrawn.

Toc H Houses are not vitally necessary in the same way as the padres are. About nine-tenths of Toc H is run already quite apart from Houses. But without the Houses Toc H would have been quite different. In them a type of community life can be built up, which is not possible in the branches without Houses, and in the Houses the tradition which is the distinctive character of Toc H is most easily passed on. Many branches and groups can be run without Houses, but to run Toc H rightly in an area without a House is extraordinarily difficult. And if Toc H overseas is really to absorb and develop the original tradition, it is most important that it should have Houses on the pattern of our "Marks."

Now, while it is established that—on the average, and with just a few exceptions—Toc H Houses can be run without loss, it is also established that this can normally be done only if the Houses and the furniture are gifts. At the moment, we have expended on Houses and their furniture equipment nearly £7000 more than we have received for such purposes, and there are mortgages and liabilities on the Houses—21 in all—exceeding £6000. However urgently necessary new Toc H Houses may seem to be, proposals to establish them must continue to be disallowed until much more money is obtained. Gifts to the Hostel Properties Fund can be used only towards the cost of Houses—including those already opened—and are not available for ordinary expenditure.

Wm. A. HURST,

Honorary Treasurer, Toc H.

